

# Stinsford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 March 2023  
at 7:00pm in The Stinsford Centre, Kingston Maurward College

**Present:** Ms Sarah Jane Pattison (Chair), Mr George Armstrong (Vice-Chair) and Mr Michael Clarke

**Also in attendance:** Miss Kirsty Riglar (Clerk) and one member of the public (Mr Julian Bailey)

## 23. Apologies for Absence

23.1 An apology for absence was received from Ms Susan Escott.

## 24. Declarations of Interest

24.1 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interest.

## 25. Public participation time

25.1 Mr Julian Bailey, resident of Church Lane, sought an update from the Parish Council about its communication with the Principal of Kingston Maurward College about the tractor and vehicle construction training area. The Chair confirmed that she and other representatives of the Council were due to meet the Principal on 30 March. Mr Bailey welcomed this and took the opportunity to reiterate the impact of the noise from the site on local residents and visitors to St Michael's Church and Hardy's grave and the request that this activity be relocated elsewhere on the estate. The Parish Council confirmed that they were aware of the issues and would ensure that these were raised with the Principal.

*Mr Bailey left the meeting at 7:17pm.*

## 26. Minutes

26.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

26.2 Further to minute 16.5, Mr Armstrong reported that the glass in the Higher Bockhampton noticeboard had been cleaned.

26.3 Further to minute 21.2, Mr Armstrong reported that in response to the Dorchester Transport Action Group survey he would submit a copy of the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan and the addendum on transport and Rights of Way as this set out the key transport issues and concerns within the parish.

## 27. Planning Matter

27.1 The Parish Council considered a pre-planning consultation from Cornerstone about the proposed base station installation upgrade at Higher Kingston Farm, Stinsford, DT2 8QE.

27.2 It was **resolved** to submit the following comment:

The Parish Council noted the proposal and in particular the increased size of the mast and would welcome further information regarding the work to be carried out in relation to the ecological impact of this proposal on the established woodland, known

locally as Greys Wood, surrounding the site. The inclusion of information relating to this in the formal planning application to Dorset Council would be welcomed.

The Parish Council also noted that the site is not open to the public but would welcome the opportunity for a site visit at some point in the near future if that is possible please.

## **28. North of Dorchester Garden Community**

28.1 The Parish Council noted that a public meeting arranged by STAND about the North of Dorchester Garden Community proposals would be held on Saturday 25 March. Concerns and frustration were expressed that whilst Dorchester Town Council had been invited to speak at this meeting, the Parish Council had not.

28.2 Whilst members of the Parish Council were intending to attend the meeting as members of the public, it was **resolved** to contact Dorchester Town Council to clarify that the Parish Council had not been invited to participate at the meeting but its stance in relation to the proposed development remained unchanged.

## **29. Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy**

29.1 In view of the limited interest in participating in a working group of local residents to progress projects to address the Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy, the Parish Council considered how to increase this. It was **resolved** to progress the parish bounds walk in May or June in order to engage with local residents and take the opportunity to seek more interest in other projects.

## **30. Road Safety, Traffic Management and Rights of Way**

30.1 Mr Armstrong reported that Stinsford Bridge, on the River Path close to Three Bears Cottage, had degraded to such an extent at its easterly end that it had created a considerable drop and was no longer accessible to some users of the bridleway and presented a risk to some, particularly cyclists. The level was now so low that the rivers is beginning to bypass the bridge on this side, across the path which was exacerbated by the banks of the river becoming increasingly eroded. Additionally, the gravel layer on the top of the bridge had worn away in some areas and the brick sub-structure is now exposed.

30.2 It was therefore **resolved** to request that Dorset Council build up the path to restore the level of the path in line with the bridge and ensure the bridge itself is protected against further degradation.

30.3 The Clerk reported that she had sought a quote from Dorset Council for the installation of a community grit bin at Higher Bockhampton but was awaiting this, in addition to confirmation of the preferred location.

## **31. Lower Bockhampton play area – restoration of wall**

31.1 The Parish Council noted that the restoration work was due to commence on 10 April. It was **resolved** that the play area be closed to the public during the works and that signs be put up to make this known.

## **32. Coronation of HM King Charles III**

32.1 The Parish Council considered its approach to marking the Coronation of HM King Charles III. It was noted that as the play area would be closed during this time due to the restoration work on the wall, the Parish Council was unable to offer a public space for an event. It was therefore **resolved** that the Parish Council would not object to and would be willing to promote any activities planned by local residents or groups in the parish.

**33. Correspondence**

33.1 The Parish Council noted correspondence from Ms Serena Shone providing an update on compliance with the planning conditions relating to planting of screening around the electricity sub-station on Church Lane and the planning status of the tractor training area.

**34. Items for next meeting**

- Refurbishment of Lower Bockhampton telephone box

**35. Date of future meetings**

35.1 It was noted that future meetings were scheduled to be held on Monday 17 April (reserve date) and Tuesday 9 May 2023.

The meeting concluded at 8:34pm.

**Chairman..... Date.....**